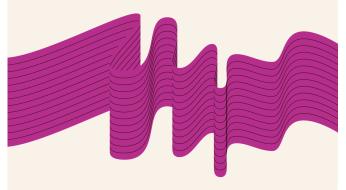
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# Homeroom

A place for useful tips, need-to-know news, and more.



# **September Homeroom Overview**

- Resource Hub: Create your own career map
- Career Corner: 3 questions to ask in an informational interview
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- Student of the Month: How a degree unlocked Candace H.'s future

This is just the start. Stay tuned for more career resources coming in the October Homeroom!



## Resource Hub

Career mapping is a brainstorming process to help you identify a long-term career goal and the short-term actions to get you there. Career mapping ultimately requires you to do two things: research and reflect.

Follow these steps to get started on your career map:

- 1. Consider your career goals. Don't think of this as the next promotion you'd like to aim for think of this as the job you want to have years down the road.
- 2. **Chart your path.** When you consider moving from point A (your current role) to point B (your long-term goal), what jobs do you imagine you'll need to have along the way?
- 3. Assess your skill set. Evaluate what skills you already have and what skills you'll need to learn in order to progress in your career path.
  - Tip: This is a great opportunity for a conversation with someone already working in your desired role. Get tips for informational interviews in the Career Corner below!
- 4. **Develop new skills.** Great job! You're already taking this step. The skills you're learning in your program will help you reach your long-term goals. As you think about your future, consider what other skills you might need.



### **Career Corner**

An internal informational interview with a colleague who holds a position you are interested in can be a great way to learn about a particular career path. But, let's face it, talking with a colleague you may have never met, who may also be your senior, can feel intimidating. However, you may find that some people enjoy

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> being asked about their job. Asking the right questions can help you gather the right takeaways and make it a great experience for everyone involved.

# Use these questions in your next internal informational

- What are your primary responsibilities?
  - Tip: Ask them to list at least 3 specific responsibilities for their job.
- · What kind of education was required to gain this job?
  - What major or program did you study?
  - What licenses or certifications were required?
- What skills and abilities does someone need to perform your job?



#### Join the Conversation

We want to know your career goals! Use Guild's Career Goals Report Card to record your goals and the steps you'll take to get there. Then, share your answers on the post below! Follow Guild on Instagram for more career resources, tips, and inspiring stories about learners just like you.

# Career Goals: What can I do this week?: What can I do this month?: What can I do this year?:

Share your answers



#### Student of the Month

When Candace H. found out she could get her degree tuition-free through her employer, it unlocked her future. For too long, Candace felt like not having a degree was holding her back. As the first person to go to college in her family, she didn't have help navigating the education system, which made her early experiences frustrating.

But with the support of her employer and Guild, Candace is on track to earn her degree. She has even made a pact with her son, a senior in high school, that they will both walk across the stage at their respective graduations.







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